A RIVAL JOURNAL.

Everybody in Hopeville said that Henry Pettit was just the man to be editor of a live, progressive newspaper, and the everybody holding this opinion included very decidedly Mr. Henry Pettit himself. Mr. Pettit was editor and proprietor of The Hopeville Millenium. Why he had chosen this name for his paper no one knew exactly though it was supposed, from the incidental remarks of the editor, that it was prophetic, in a modest way, of the state of things to which the state of things to which he would ultimately bring Hopeville and such of its population as were subscribers for the paper and paid for it promptly.

Mr. Pettit was small in stature, sha p of feature and loud of voice. Journalistically, he was in a perpetual rage, a rage varying in its intensity from the spitefully sarcastic to the bloodthirstilly ferocious. There seemed to be a fantastic connection between his degrees of aggressiveness and the styles of type used in his journal. Thus, when treating of a sub ct compara-tively unimportant, he contented himself with the light musketry of solid nonpareil, the smallest type in his office. A matter for more forcible denuncia-tion required minion or brevier to give it proper weight; from this he sometimes passed to bitter invective and the larger type yelept long primer, and he had been known, after tainly trying to relieve his outraged feelings through the medium of double leaded pica, bristling with exclama-tion points and distorted by Italics, to set all typographical precedent at defiance, and bombard his readers with rhetorical and maledictory cannon-balls, manufactured from the largest, heaviest and blackest advertising letters in his possession. He believed thoroughly in aggressive journalism, and he always had a fight on his hands. He disproved the old adage that "It took two to make a quarrel," by maintaining a perpetual dispute with the world at large, with-

word or add a single spark to the fire of rage that kept the quarrel at boiling point. The Millenium was a power in Hopeville, and Heary Pettit enjoyed the proud consciousness that he had shouldered himself and his paper into the front rank by sheer force of energy an i a display of that fighting temperament which never fails, sooner or later, to win the respect of a community. As the result, he was reaping both fare and a good income from The Millen a. He could perhaps have got along more pencefully and quietly than be did, had he chosen, but attrition with the world seemed to be essential to his enjoyment of life, and he was always denounce real or imaginary evils, and lamenting that there were not more of them against which he could couch his lance in deadly assault.

Mr. Pettit was entirely satisfied with himself, and never took the trouble to inquire into his neighbor's business. It was said of him that half the population of the town might be carried off by an epidemic, and unless the death notices were sent to The Millenium for publication at regular rates, he would never know that there had been a funeral. He rather prided himself on this self-concentration, and declared that he despised curiosity save when its indu-gence was necessary for the successful prose-cution of his business. In that case, he added, it ceased to be curiosity in the true and offensive sense of the word.

One day an event took place in Hopeville, which, for the moment, literally paralyzed the editor of The Millenium with astonishment. Then he recovered his breath and retired to his little office to try and

realize the situation.

A man had actually come to Hopeville to start another paper. Mr. Pettit at first could hardly believe that such temerity. The voice w could pass unpunished by the supernatural powers that watch over the interests of newspapers! To think of a man-a stranger! an interloper !- a fellow from, no one knew where -n-a-. It was of no use Mr. Pettit's breath had gone again and he could only lean back in his chair and gasp his amazement at the new man's unparalleled

Meanwhile the new man went on quietly with his preparations. He looked over the ground, satisfied himself that Hopeville needed his paper, brought type and press and other material to the house he had rented canvassed the town for subscribers and advertisers with satisfactory results, and published the first number of The Hopeville Independent, taking no more no-tice of Henry Pettit and The Millenium than if neither had existed.

Contrary to Mr. Fettit's confident predictions, the new paper was ably edited, newsy and bright, and was received by the citi-zens with as much favor as The Millenium pendent in the homes of his friends, in stores, offices and places of public resort, and he scowled darkly. He would show this rival editor that Hopeville needed only one paper—The Millenium—and that an at-tempt to establish another would be at the expense of a continued and bitter strife. So he went to his office and wrote the follow. for two months: ing, which appeared in the next issue of The Millenium

We have been asked whether the rumor that there is mosther weekly paper in Hope and—and—I did the best I could, will exclude the case not give a faitered. positive answer, though we have noticed a positive interest, though we have a built in lished in Hope tile "blarted Henry Pottit, board outside a house on — street. As fiercely: "and I'm going to tell your busthis particular sheet is the only one we ever saw, we presume it represents the whole circulation of what our correspondent has Bel perhaps heard called a weekly paper. It is doubtful whether another issue will appear, as end of the office, threw it to one side, and—we understand the alleged editor has already reverently un overed his head. become disgusted with the want of success. There was only a bed, on which rested a that has attended his efforts to force his tall, thin form with a pule face, though not dreary rubbish down the throats of the intelligent citizens of Hopeville."

The Millenium was jublished every
Thursday and The Independent on Saturday Mr. Pettit watched eagerly for the
Builetin. next issue of his rival, and as soon as he had secured a copy, looked all over the paper for a reply to his paragraph. Not a word. The Independent came out brighter and newsier than ever, with well-considered, conservative editorial comments on the leading topics of the day, particularly those of local interest, but without the slightest indication that it had ever heard either of The Mill-nium or its editor.

The next week Mr. Pettit tried it again. hinted myst-riously at a paper having appeared in hope tille with the secret object. Richardson replied: "He you a-goin' to run He published a paragraph in which be of poisoning the minds of the people against all the most cherished institutions of the town. He even went so far as to imply that the editor and reasons for hiding himself from those who had known him formerly as the resident of a large city some 500 miles away, thishing his remarks with the prophery that in less than a mouth The Millenium would again be the only paper in Hopeville, as it was to all intents and pur-

poses at the present writing.
But The Independent continued to ignore Mr. Fettal, and grow in circulation and prosperity from week to week A tall, thin, pale man was the editor of The Independent a man who stooped as he walked, sound, as transmitted by the French, is sound, as transmitted by the French, is by a peculiar spasmodic noise in his throat. The accent was once on the third, as in the like a strangled cough. He was not a talk-ative man, possibly because of the strangle! And Niagara stuns with thundering sound. like a strangled cough. He was not a talk-

peared to have business in some direction which engaged all his attention until be withdrew to the office of The Independent to busy himself either in writing matter or

putting it into type.

-That independent man, Stillman, is a mysterious sort of fellow, was the opinion of the principal grocer of Hopeville; "but be gets out a mighty good paper and will

Henry Pettit continued to write caustic paragraphs for the benefit of The Independent, and every week ran up and down from nonparell to four-line great primer gothic in his badgering of Stillman's paper, but without making any apparent impression

on that apathetic journal.

It was after he had written a particularly abusive and spiteful article that Henry Pettit waited for the appearance of The In-

dependent on Saturday. Surely he could sting the editor into saying something. Saturday came, but—no Independent. Ha the interloper had found that he could not live in a town where The Millenium prohibited his existence.
"I thought I should drive him out,"

chuckled, Mr. Pettit. "Wonder where the editor is;" he thought. "Guess he is ashamed to show himself now that his miserable paper has suspended." But it had not suspended. On Tuesday it was published, with an apology for its tardy

appearance,
Mr. Pettit was red-hot, and the withering sarcasm contained in next week's Millenium again tested the acrimonlous qualities of

every style of type in his office.

The Independent was published on time on the following Saturday, but was only half its usual size. It again contained an

apology, but no explanation.
"It dies hard," said Henry Pettit, as he DOUGLAS AVENUE, WICHITA, KANS. finished an exulting editorial to the follow

"The wretched conglomeration of bad grammar drivel and typographical errors, called a newspaper, published in an obscure part of Hopeville, has about run its course. It comes out at irregular intervals and appears generally on a half-sheet. It is a swindle on the few buyers of the ridiculous mass of rubbish to give only half what is paid for. When given full size the paper can be used for wrapping small parcels; half of it is of no value whatever. In justice to the above-mentioned few, it should suspend publication at once."

In spite of this The Independent was issued every week for six weeks longer. -ometimes it was a few days late; some-times it appeared half size, and again largely made up of old advertisements and out even requiring his adversary to say a stereotype plates long out of data. It was evidently struggling hard for existence.

At last it did stop. Henry Pettit waited until Thursday, and then joyfully announced to his readers that

The Hopeville Independent had not come out and would probably not appear again.

"I should like to see this fellow," thought Henry Pettit. "They teil me that he is a scarecrow sort of individual. I wonder how he feels now that I have driven him out of the field. Thought he could treat me with contempt, did he! Guess he finds his mistake now. I'll go and see him. Perhaps I might strike a bargain in buying up his material. I need some new type, anyhow, and I should judge he has a pretty fair

Boldly went Henry Pettit to the house where The Independent had been published, and where the elitor and his wife lived. The front door was locked, but Mr. Pettit was accustomed to forcing his way through the world, and he hammered the door is a loud, imperative way that soon caused foot-

steps to approach from the inside.
"Is the chitor in:" asked Mr. Pettit in his loud, brasey way, as he was confronted by a little, pale woman who seemed to have in her careworn face and subdued manner all the personal characteristics of Mr. Stillman, except the strangled cough.

"N-n-o! He—he is not in at present," was the reply, in such a low voice that Mr. Pet-

tit involuntarily thrust forward his coun-tenance into her face to catch her words "Well, my name is Pettit, I am editor and proprietor of The Hopeville Mellenium."

"Yes, sir."
"And I thought perhaps I could be of service to-to the editor here."

Thank you, sir: but you could not do

The voice was getting lower, and the tears trembing on the eyelashes could not be hidden. Henry Pettit began to feel uncomfortable, and there was very little brass in his tones as he repeated her last

word: "Now! Ah, yes; you think I was unnecessarily harsh in my paper; but that was merely a matter of business. I do not feel

Thank you" she replied, simply, and if he had not seen the tears pouring fast down her cheeks he might have thought he spoke ironically.

"Where is he! I should like to tell him so," continued Henry Pettit. "Well, the fact is, he—he—he—is—"
How hard she tried not to sob, and how

the tears would choke her voice!
"What! He is il. I can see it in your He spoke sharply because he was surprised,

but there was not a suspicion of his usual irritability in his tone. How long has he "A long, long time; but he has only been

confined to his bed for the last two months."
-Two months: And how has be managed to cilt and print his paper?"

The pale little woman did not answer, but Henry l'ettit turned his back to her as he

gave his eyes two vicious slaps, and muttered: "And I have been fighting a woman "I know it has been a very-very poor paper since he became too sick to do it himself: but he was anxious for it to keep on,

The best-edited paper that was ever pub-

tand so. Where is hel In that back Before she could prevent him, Henry

much paler than it had been two months ego, but the strangled cough was silenced forever, the editor of The Independent was dead—George C. Jenks in Pittsburg

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